

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2007-109-W - ORDER NO. 2007-392

MAY 23, 2007

IN RE:	Petition of A.D. Hare Waterworks, Inc. for)	ORDER APPROVING
	the Approval of the Transfer of its Water)	TRANSFER OF UTILITY
	System to Berkeley County Water and Sewer)	
	Authority)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of A.D. Hare Waterworks, Inc. (Hare or the Company) for approval of the transfer of its water system to Berkeley County Water and Sewer Authority (Berkeley County). The Company is a public utility engaged in providing water service to residents of the Pinopolis area in Berkeley County. The Berkeley County Water and Sewer Authority already provides water and sewer service to residents in the surrounding area and elsewhere in Berkeley County. Hare and Berkeley County have come to an agreement as to the transfer of the water system from Hare to Berkeley County.

Pursuant to the instructions of the Commission's Docketing Department, the Company published a Notice of Filing one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the Company's service area. Further, each affected customer was notified individually of the proposed transfer. The Company furnished an affidavit to show that it had complied with the Docketing Department's instructions. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were received. Accordingly, Hare asks that we waive the hearing requirement found in

Commission Regulation 103-704 and proceed to rule on the matter. This request to waive the hearing is granted, and we will proceed to rule in a summary fashion. The Office of Regulatory Staff has no objection to the transfer.

From our review of the materials submitted, it appears to us that Berkeley County is well qualified to take over the Hare system, since it provides water and sewer to the surrounding area and in the rest of Berkeley County.

Prior to the transfer of the stock of a water utility, Regulation 103-704 requires this Commission to grant a Certificate that the transfer is in the public interest. The Regulation requires us to look at all applicable information prior to the granting of such a Certificate. We have examined all relevant factors in the present case, and we hereby grant the required Certificate. We believe that this transfer is in the public interest. The Hare system will have an owner who is extremely knowledgeable about water systems and who is well qualified to maintain the systems as well as provide good customer service. We note for the record that the Hare system's customers will be subject to Berkeley County Water and Sewer Authority rates.

Therefore, the requisite Certificate is granted, and the agreement and transfer of the water system to Berkeley County Water and Sewer Authority are approved.

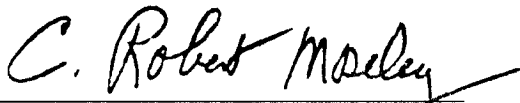
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:



C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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